

Listing of Claims

What is claimed is:

1. (currently amended) An information bracelet for protectively storing information related to an individual wearing the bracelet, comprising:

a bracelet body having a cavity defined therein, the cavity ~~being configured to store~~ storing and protect- protecting therein an information-bearing medium on which the information related to the individual can be disposed; and

a strap assembly, including;

a strap member; and

a pair of clasps, coupled to opposite ends of the strap member and directly coupleable to opposite ends of the bracelet body, the clasps being configured to facilitate removable coupling of the strap assembly to the bracelet body.

2. (original) The bracelet of claim 1, wherein the clasps are rotatably coupled to the bracelet body to facilitate rotation of the clasps relative to the body to allow the bracelet to conform to a shape of a wrist of the individual wearing the bracelet.

3. (original) The bracelet of claim 1, wherein the clasps each include a pair of splayable fingers, each finger including at least one receiving aperture configured to receive a portion of the bracelet body to removably couple the clasps to the bracelet body.

4. (original) The bracelet of claim 1, wherein the clasps each include a pair of splayable fingers formed of a material having plastic memory.

5. (original) The bracelet of claim 1, wherein the body includes a lower and an upper section, the lower and upper sections being engageable with each other to thereby cooperatively define the cavity in the bracelet body for receiving the information-bearing medium.

6. (original) The bracelet of claim 5, wherein at least one of the lower and upper sections includes a seal, configured to provide a substantially water-resistant seal around at least a portion of a perimeter of the cavity.

7. (original) The bracelet of claim 5, wherein the lower section includes a protruding lower retention arm, and wherein the upper section includes a protruding upper retention arm, the lower and upper retention arms each being sized and shaped to cooperatively form a body retention arm when the lower and upper sections are engaged with each other.

8. (currently amended) An information bracelet for protectively storing information related to an individual wearing the bracelet, comprising:

a bracelet body including a lower and an upper section, the lower and upper sections being engageable with each other to thereby cooperatively define a cavity in the bracelet body, the cavity being configured to store and protect an information-bearing medium on which the information related to the individual can be disposed;

the lower section including a protruding lower retention arm, and the upper section including a protruding upper retention arm, the lower and upper retention arms each being sized and shaped to cooperatively form a body retention arm when the lower and upper sections are

engaged with each other;

a strap assembly, including;

a strap member; and

a pair of clasps, coupled to opposite ends of the strap member and directly coupleable to opposite ends of the bracelet body, the clasps being configured to facilitate removable coupling of the strap assembly to the bracelet body; and

~~The bracelet of claim 7,~~ wherein the clasps each include a receiving aperture configured to receive and secure the body retention arm to both couple the body to the strap assembly and to secure the lower and upper sections of the body in engagement with each other.

9. (original) The bracelet of claim 5, wherein the lower section includes a protruding lower retention arm having an upper mating surface, and wherein the upper section includes a protruding upper retention arm having a lower mating surface, the lower and upper mating surfaces having substantially matching contours and being configured to cooperatively form a body retention arm when the lower and upper sections are engaged with each other

10. (original) The bracelet of claim 9, wherein the lower and upper mating surfaces are substantially planar.

11. (original) The bracelet of claim 10, wherein the lower retention arm and the upper retention arm each have a substantially half-circular cross section, and wherein the lower and upper retention arms cooperatively form a body retention arm having a substantially circular cross section.

12. (original) The bracelet of claim 1, wherein the clasps each include a pair of splayable fingers, the splayable fingers defining a substantially elliptical receiving area in which the body is received by the clasp.

13. (original) The bracelet of claim 1, wherein the information-bearing medium is substantially water resistant.

14. (original) The bracelet of claim 1, wherein the information related to the individual includes information selected from the group consisting of: identification information; health information; medication information; scheduling information; and third party contact information.

15. (currently amended) An information bracelet for protectively storing information related to an individual wearing the bracelet, comprising:

a bracelet body having a cavity defined therein, the cavity ~~being configured to store~~ storing and ~~protect-~~ protecting therein an information-bearing medium on which the information related to the individual can be disposed; and

a strap assembly, including;

a strap member; and

a clasp, having a pair of splayable fingers, each finger including at least one receiving aperture configured to receive at least a portion of the bracelet body to removably couple the strap assembly to the bracelet body.

16. (original) The bracelet of claim 15 wherein the fingers are rotatably coupled to the bracelet body to facilitate rotation of the clasps relative to the body to allow the bracelet to conform to a shape of a wrist of the individual wearing the bracelet.

17. (currently amended) The bracelet of claim 15 ~~claim 1~~, wherein the splayable fingers are formed of a material having plastic memory.

18. (original) The bracelet of claim 15, wherein the body includes a lower and an upper section, the lower and upper sections being engageable with each other to thereby cooperatively define the cavity in the bracelet body for receiving the information-bearing medium.

19. (original) The bracelet of claim 18, wherein at least one of the lower and upper sections includes a seal, configured to provide a substantially water-resistant seal around at least a portion of a perimeter of the cavity.

20. (original) The bracelet of claim 18, wherein the lower section includes a protruding lower retention arm, and wherein the upper section includes a protruding upper retention arm, the lower and upper retention arms each being sized and shaped to cooperatively form a body retention arm when the lower and upper sections are engaged with each other.

21. (currently amended) An information bracelet for protectively storing information related to an individual wearing the bracelet, comprising:

a bracelet body having a cavity defined therein, the cavity storing and protecting therein
an information-bearing medium on which the information related to the individual is disposed;
and

a strap assembly, including;

a strap member; and

a clasp, having a pair of splayable fingers, each finger including at least one
receiving aperture configured to receive at least a portion of the bracelet body to removably
couple the strap assembly to the bracelet body, the splayable fingers being formed of a material
having plastic memory;

the body including a lower and an upper section, the lower and upper sections being
engageable with each other to thereby cooperatively define the cavity in the bracelet body for
receiving the information-bearing medium;

the lower section including a protruding lower retention arm and the upper section
including a protruding upper retention arm, the lower and upper retention arms each being sized
and shaped to cooperatively form a body retention arm when the lower and upper sections are
engaged with each other; and

21. ~~The bracelet of claim 20, wherein the receiving apertures of the fingers being are~~
configured to receive and secure the body retention arm to both couple the body to the strap
assembly and to secure the lower and upper sections of the body in engagement with each other.

22. (original) The bracelet of claim 18, wherein the lower section includes a protruding
lower retention arm having an upper mating surface, and wherein the upper section includes a
protruding upper retention arm having a lower mating surface, the lower and upper mating

surfaces having substantially matching contours and being configured to cooperatively form a body retention arm when the lower and upper sections are engaged with each other

23. (original) The bracelet of claim 22, wherein the lower and upper mating surfaces are substantially planar.

24. (original) The bracelet of claim 23, wherein the lower retention arm and the upper retention arm each have a substantially half-circular cross section, and wherein the lower and upper retention arms cooperatively form a body retention arm having a substantially circular cross section.

25. (original) The bracelet of claim 15, wherein the splayable fingers define a substantially elliptical receiving area in which the body is received by the clasp.

26. (original) The bracelet of claim 15, wherein the information-bearing medium is substantially water resistant.

27. (original) The bracelet of claim 15, wherein the information related to the individual includes information selected from the group consisting of: identification information; health information; medication information; scheduling information; and third party contact information.

28. (original) An information bracelet for protectively storing information related to an

individual wearing the bracelet, comprising:

a bracelet body having a cavity defined therein, the cavity being configured to store and protect an information-bearing medium on which the information related to the individual can be disposed;

the body including a lower and an upper section, the lower and upper sections being engageable with each other to thereby cooperatively define the cavity in the bracelet body for receiving the information-bearing medium, the lower section including a protruding lower retention arm, and the upper section including a protruding upper retention arm, the lower and upper retention arms each being sized and shaped to cooperatively form a body retention arm when the lower and upper sections are engaged with each other; and

a strap assembly, including;

a strap member; and

a clasp, coupled to the strap member and removably coupled to the body retention arm, to both couple the body to the strap assembly and to secure the lower and upper sections of the body in engagement with each other.

29. (original) The bracelet of claim 28, wherein the clasp is rotatably coupled to the body retention arm to facilitate rotation of the clasp relative to the body to allow the bracelet to conform to a shape of a wrist of the individual wearing the bracelet.

30. (original) The bracelet of claim 28, wherein the clasp includes a pair of splayable fingers, each finger including at least one receiving aperture configured to both couple the body

to the strap assembly and to secure the lower and upper sections of the body in engagement with each other.

31. (original) The bracelet of claim 28, wherein the clasp includes a pair of splayable fingers, each formed of a material having plastic memory.

32. (original) The bracelet of claim 28, wherein at least one of the lower and upper sections includes a seal, configured to provide a substantially water-resistant seal around at least a portion of a perimeter of the cavity.

33. (original) The bracelet of claim 28, wherein the protruding lower retention arm includes an upper mating surface, and wherein the protruding upper retention arm includes a lower mating surface, the lower and upper mating surfaces having substantially matching contours and being configured to cooperatively form the body retention arm when the lower and upper sections are engaged with each other

34. (original) The bracelet of claim 33, wherein the lower and upper mating surfaces are substantially planar.

35. (original) The bracelet of claim 34, wherein the lower retention arm and the upper retention arm each have a substantially half-circular cross section, and wherein the lower and upper retention arms cooperatively form a body retention arm having a substantially circular cross section.

36. (original) The bracelet of claim 28, wherein the clasp includes a pair of splayable fingers, the splayable fingers defining a substantially elliptical receiving area in which the body is received by the clasp.

37. (original) The bracelet of claim 28, wherein the information-bearing medium is substantially water resistant.

38. (original) The bracelet of claim 28, wherein the information related to the individual includes information selected from the group consisting of: identification information; health information; medication information; scheduling information; and third party contact information.

39. (currently amended) A method for storing information related to an individual in a bracelet wearable by the individual, comprising the steps of:

providing a substantially water-resistant information-bearing medium on which the information related to the individual can be disposed;

storing the information-bearing medium within a cavity of the bracelet defined between a lower and an upper section of a bracelet body;

engaging the lower and upper sections with each other; ~~and~~

clasping a protruding portion of both the lower and upper sections with a clasp coupled to a bracelet strap; and

wherein the step of clasping both the lower and upper sections includes the further step of clasping both the lower and upper protruding portions with a pair of splayable

fingers, each finger including at least one receiving aperture configured to receive a portion of the lower and upper sections to removably clasp the bracelet strap to the bracelet body.

40. (original) The method of claim 39, wherein the step of clasping both the lower and upper sections includes the further step of rotatably clasping the protruding portion of both the lower and upper sections to allow the bracelet to conform to a shape of a wrist of the individual wearing the bracelet.

41. (canceled).

42. (original) The method of claim 39, wherein the step of clasping both the lower and upper sections includes the further step of clasping both the lower and upper protruding portions with a pair of splayable fingers formed of a material having plastic memory.

43. (original) The method of claim 39, comprising the further step of sealing the lower and upper sections to provide a substantially water-resistant seal around at least a portion of the cavity.

44. (canceled)

45. (original) The method of claim 39, wherein the information related to the individual includes information selected from the group consisting of: identification information; health information; medication information; scheduling information; and third party contact information.